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SUBJECT: KUWAITI ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN AND TO THE
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

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NOTAL)

Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d)

1. (C) During a January 8 meeting on a variety of subjects with the Prime Minister, the Ambassador raised continued provision of GOK assistance to Jordan. Shaykh Sabah said the Jordanian Prime Minister would be visiting Kuwait in a few days and Kuwait would consider any request for support. Ambassador raised the Jordanian request separately on January 7 with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Dr. Muhammad Al-Sabah.

2. (C) The Ambassador also raised Kuwaiti-Palestinian relations. Shaykh Sabah made favorable comments about PA candidate Mahmoud Abbas--"he knows how to settle problems." On financial assistance to the Palestinians, he said that in response to a request made during Mahmoud Abbas' visit to Kuwait, the GOK had agreed to buy all the olive oil the Palestinians could send. He stated that Kuwait would give the oil to the local cooperative societies; whatever the co-ops could not sell, the GOK would buy back.
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